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1. ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, EMBASSY CONTACTS IN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND LOCAL CHURCH-SPONSORED COMMITTEE FOR PEACE INDICATE INFORMATION PARA ONE REFTEL IS IN PART CORRECT.

2. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS EMBASSY HAS HEARD VARIOUS REPORTS THAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY RECTOR-DELEGATE ADMIRAL SWETT HAD DEMANDED RESIGNATION OF EDMUNDO LOPEZ, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, WHICH LED TO RESIGNATION OF JOSE ALVAREZ, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY. CAUSE WAS POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY'S REPORTED PLAN TO HOLD SERIES OF LECTURES ON CHILE'S POLITICAL ECONOMY, WITH NUMBER OF SPEAKERS INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENT EDUARDO FREI. APPROVAL WAS REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM ACTING VICE RECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, BUT WHEN SWETT LEARNED OF PLANS, HE ASKED FOR LOPEZ'S RESIGNATION. ALVAREZ REPORTEDLY RESIGNED "IN SOLIDARITY."

(NOTE THAT ALVAREZ AND LOPEZ ARE NOT LISTED IN REFTEL, BUT THERE MAY BE SOME CONFUSION IN NAMES.)

2. COMMITTEE FOR PEACE SOURCE, WHO IS ALSO A PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, SAID THAT FOLLOWING PERSONS LISTED REFTEL, ALL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY, CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE BEEN EXPELLED: PATRICIO CHAPARRO, HUGO VILLELA, ENRIQUE

PONCE DE LEON, AND JOHN BIEHL. EDUARDO PALMA HAD REPORTEDLY RESIGNED AT AN EARLIER DATE, AND STATUS OF JUAN VALENZUELA AND EDMUNDO VARGAS IS UNKNOWN. EXPULSIONS ARE APPARENTLY RELATED TO SEMINAR INCIDENT.

3. THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS THAT SWETT HAS ASKED UP TO EIGHT MEMBERS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE TO RESIGN. NAME OF PATRICK DOONER IS MENTIONED, AND WE ASSUME THOSE LISTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE ARE AMONG THE EIGHT. ALSO RUMORED THAT ALL INVOLVED IN ORIGINAL PLAN TO HOLD SEMINAR ARE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WHO NOW PLAN TO CONVENE SAME SEMINAR ABROAD, PERHAPS IN VENEZUELA.

4. COMMITTEE FOR PEACE SOURCE STATED THAT THOSE WHO REMAIN ON INSTITUTE'S STAFF HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SIGN LOYALTY OATH TO THE JUNTA.

5. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT FACULTY OF THEOLOGY HAD SENT LETTER TO SWETT PROTESTING EXPULSIONS. SAID LETTER WAS SIGNED BY 20 FACULTY MEMBERS WHO DO NOT FEAR POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATION AS ALL ARE PRIESTS.

6. WE WILL CONTINUE CHECKING.
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